

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a Request for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee.

Applicants elect the subject matter of Group II, Claims 11-19 and 29-39 drawn to a powder compression apparatus. The newly drafted Claims 45-51 are directed to this subject matter.

Applicants request a reconsideration of Restriction Requirement of Claims 40-44.

Claims 40-44 are directed to the method of implementing the powder compression apparatus of, for example, Claim 29, in the manufacturing of dry cells. Since the search of Claim 29 will, by necessity, include the subject matter set forth in Claims 40-44, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider the restriction of Claims 40-44 after he has conducted the patent search on Claims 29-39 and the newly drafted Claims 45-51, since it is believed that the Examiner will find that the results of a search will be equally applicable to Claims 40-44.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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